

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Bulk Foods Week

WHEREAS, the Bulk is Green Council is proud to be the leading national organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of shopping for natural and organic foods in the bulk isle; and

WHEREAS, shopping in bulk offers consumers the opportunity to reduce waste by limiting the amount of packaging that ends up in landfills and enabling the purchase of only the needed amounts; and

WHEREAS, shopping in bulk offers the consumer the opportunity to save money, as organic bulk foods are on average 89% less expensive than their packaged counterparts; and

WHEREAS, the Bulk is Green Council is partnering with retailers, grocery stores and cooperatives nationwide to offer Bulk Foods Week; and

WHEREAS, Bulk Foods Week is a time to celebrate the environment and economical benefits of buying in bulk, as well as for consumers who have never shopped in the bulk aisle to begin experiencing the fun and savings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2012 Bulk Foods Week and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.

A-Ralph Mollis Secretary of State Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this / 37 day of October, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor